

REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR June 16, 2004

OVER \$10 MILLION IN FEDERAL BROWNFIELD GRANTS FOR WISCONSIN

On Tuesday, June 15th EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt visited Milwaukee and announced more than \$75 million in EPA brownfield grants nationwide. Three types of federal grants are available: assessment, cleanup and revolving loan fund (RLF). Wisconsin has 9 successful applicants for 20 separate grants totaling more than \$10 million in federal funding. Wisconsin's 6 new federal assessment grants include: the St. Croix Chippewa, \$200,000; Ashwaubenon, \$400,000; the Town of Madison, \$200,000; the City of Racine, \$200,000; and the Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority, 2 grants totaling \$400,000.

Wisconsin's 10 new federal cleanup grants include: 5 separate projects in Delavan totaling \$1 million; 2 projects in Oshkosh totaling \$400,000; and 3 Redevelopment Authority projects in Milwaukee totaling \$580,000.

The 4 RLF awards in Wisconsin are for: the Delavan Redevelopment Authority, \$1 million; the Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority, \$1 million; the Town of Madison, \$1 million; and the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition, \$4 million.

RLF grants require the recipient to provide at least 60% of the fund to sub-recipients in the form of loans, the remaining 40% may be awarded in grants. Because the Wisconsin Brownfield Coalition (WBC) consists of 4 separate applicants working together, it was eligible for a total of \$4 million. For more information on the WBC, please see the "Ready for Reuse Initiative" at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/index.htm> For EPA's full list of successful applicants, please see: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/04grants/fy04_master.pdf

50 SAG GRANTS AWARDED IN ROUND FIVE

In more good financial news, on June 10 Governor Doyle announced \$1.7 million in DNR site assessment grants (SAG) for 35 Wisconsin communities. The grants will help fund 50 redevelopment projects. Included in the round 5 grants are 43 small (up to \$30,000) awards and 7 large grants (up to \$100,000). The grants will help undertake environmental work on 188 acres, including 77 site assessments and investigations, and removal of 63 buildings or structures, 35 underground storage tanks, and 39 abandoned containers. Local governments have pledged \$1.6 million in funds, far more than the 20 percent required match. The RR Program received 105 applications totaling \$4.4 million in requests for round 5, more than twice as much money as was available. In the first 4 rounds DNR has awarded more than \$4.85 million to 84 communities on projects covering 554 acres. Another \$1.7 million will be available next fiscal year, starting July 1, 2004. For the full press release from the governor's office please see http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/pressreleases_detail.asp?prid=579. More information, including a list of projects, scores and grant amounts is at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm#r5>

RR'S NEW CASE CLOSURE FORM IS COMPLETED

The RR Program has completed its update of the case closure form. Consultants and responsible parties should begin using the new form immediately. The improved format includes:

- directions consolidated on the first page rather than throughout the document,
- a clarification that both the case summary and the GIS Registry packet should be developed as stand-alone packets,
- attachments that are identified at the beginning of each section on the form, followed by the fill-in-the blank information,
- a checklist-style format so both consultants and RR staff can see at a glance if all necessary items have been addressed,
- identification of the case closure option selected by the consultant on the front of the form, and
- the GIS Registry packet at the end of the form.

Additional space has been provided for explanations in a number of sections of the form. One new feature is reporting the "acres ready for use" in section A. The case closure request form is at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/4400-202.pdf>. If you have questions on the updated form, you may contact Jane Lemcke at Jane.Lemcke@dnr.state.wi.us, or at 608-267-0554.

RR PROGRAM'S CHRONERT RECEIVES STATE AWARD

The RR Program proudly announces that Roxanne Chronert, the spills coordinator for our Northeast Region, has been presented with the Virginia Hart Special Recognition Award by Governor Doyle. This award, sponsored by Wisconsin Women in Government and the UW-Madison La Follette School of Public Affairs, honors a woman in state service for exemplary performance and contributions. Supervisor Bruce Urban nominated Roxanne for her "exemplary work ethic and dedication, exceptional personal qualities, leadership and team working skills and outstanding work performance." Urban specifically cited Roxanne for "always being in the forefront at all major spill emergencies", including a mercury spill in Green Bay, a train derailment in Weyauwega, an airplane crash at the Morning Glory Dairy and a train/car fire in Oshkosh. He said Chronert has "played critical roles in resolving the environmental emergencies which included fatalities, large evacuations and enormous discharges of hazardous substances."

CONSULTANT LIST UPDATES

Consultants may again update their information on our "Environmental Services Providers List" <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR024.pdf>. This "name, address, phone and fax number" listing is intended to help responsible parties locate consultants that do environmental investigation and cleanup in different parts of Wisconsin. It is not an endorsement or certification of those on the list. Consultants who need to add or amend a business entry on this list should contact Megan Clemens at megan.clemens@dnr.state.wi.us within a month.

This listserv operates by self-subscription only. To subscribe send an e-mail message to: majordomo@badger.state.wi.us. Leave the subject line blank and type this in the body of the message: subscribe rr. To unsubscribe send an e-mail to the same address and type this in the body of the message: unsubscribe rr, followed by the e-mail address you originally used to subscribe. Be sure your signature block is turned off both to subscribe and to unsubscribe. An archive of the "RR News from DNR" is located at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/general/listserv.html>